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In re application of: Czaplicki et al.

Group Art Unit: 3729

Serial No.: 10/712,069

Examiner: Sarang Afzali

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CARRIER MEMBER AND METHOD OF FORMING THE SAME

Attorney Docket No.: 1001.132

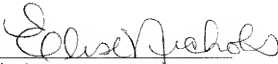
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**ELECTION REQUIREMENT PURSUANT TO 35 U.S.C. 121 AND ACCOMPANYING  
CLAIM AMENDMENTS**

Dear Sir:

This response addresses the Election/Restriction requirement dated April 12, 2006 with respect to the above-identified patent application. Applicants elect to proceed with claims of Group I: claims 1-10, drawn to a method of forming an assembly. Applicants traverse the Election/Restriction Requirement on the ground that

claims 11-15 are merely a species within the broader genus of claim 1 and that, as such, the assertion of combination/subcombination by the Election/Restriction Requirement is improper. Moreover, search of all of claims 1-15 is not overly burdensome due the relationship between claim 1 and claims 11-15.

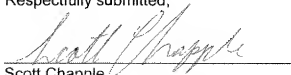
In view of the above, Applicants submit a claim amendment cancelling claims 11-15 and adding new claims 16-21 making new claims 16-21 dependent ultimately on claim 1. If the Examiner chooses to withdraw the Election/Restriction requirement, Applicants request examination of the original claims 1-15. If the Election/Restriction requirement is not withdrawn, Applicant request examination of claims 1-10 and 16-21.

If the Examiner has any questions with respect to this communication, the Examiner is kindly urged to call the undersigned.

If for some reason Applicants have not requested a sufficient extension and/or have not paid a sufficient fee for this response and/or for the extension necessary to prevent the abandonment of this application, please consider this as a request for an extension for the required time period and/or authorization to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-1097 for any fee which may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: 2 May, 2006

  
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